THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 20th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

* 7 *Q.*—

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The short notice starred question No. 7 will be taken up later on, as the Minister concerned is coming a little later."

Award by the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore.

* 2115 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore (G.O. No. 146, Development, dated 17th January 1952), in the dispute between the workers and the management of the Indian Metal and Metallurgical Corporation, Mettur Dam, has been implemented in full by the management;

(*b*) if not, the provisions that have not yet been implemented; and

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to make the management implement the award in full?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The award regarding the re-employment of workers has not been implemented.

" (*c*) The Management are giving a trial to the arrangement arrived at as a result of the discussions held between them and the representatives of the workers in my presence on 24th October 1954 and the situation is being watched."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I know why the award was not implemented? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There has been some difference of opinion even on the interpretation of the terms of the award. Therefore the workers' representatives themselves suggested that I should invite the representatives of the management and have a discussion. Accordingly I had a discussion and certain tentative conclusions were arrived at. Again the Commissioner of Labour has been asked to look into the matter and see what further steps have to be taken."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" If there is any doubt regarding interpretation, it is better for the Government to ask the Judge who gave the award. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether there is not a section in the Industrial Disputes Act providing that the management should implement an award within one month? If the management does not implement the award, the Government should take action against it. Why is the taking of action being postponed in this case? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I may tell the hon. Member that whatever the Government are doing, they are doing in the interests of the workers."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"தீர்ப்பின் எந்தப் பகுதியில் அபிப்பிராய வித்தியாசம் ஏற்பட்டு இருக்கிறது ? சர்க்கார் அதில் கொண்டிருக்கக் கூடிய அபிப்பிராயம் என்ன ? சர்க்காரின் அபிப்பிராயத்தையாவது முதலாளிகள் ஒத்துக்கொள்கிறார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" சர்க்காருக்கு ஒன்றும் அபிப்பிராயம் இல்லை. 'வேஜஸ் விஷயமாக பழைய 'வேஜஸ்' கொடுப்பதா, புதிய "வேஜஸ்" கொடுப்பதா என்ற கேள்வி இருந்து வருகிறது. எத்தனை பேர்களை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள வேண்டும் ? யார், யார் old workers ? யாருக்கு Seniority கொடுப்பது என்றெல்லாம் பல சிக்கல்கள் இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே, workers பிரதிநிதிகளே சேர்ந்து வந்து 'பேசுங்கள்' என்று என்னிடம் சொன்னார்கள். அதன் பேரில்தான் நான் பேசினேன். இப்போது சில நடவடிக்கைகளும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப் பட்டு வருகின்றன. மேற்கொண்டு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பது என்பதைப்பற்றித்தான் இப்போது அரசாங்கம் யோசித்துக்கொண்டிருக் கிறது."

Stock of foodgrains at the time of decontrol.

* 2121 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stock of foodgrains with the Government at the time of decontrol and their purchase price;

(*b*) what portion of the stock was subsequently sold and for what amount;

(*c*) the purchase price of each quality of foodgrains stocked and also the sale price for each quality; and

(*d*) the total gain or loss to the Government so far by this transaction?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) A printed statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" As regards clause (*c*) of the question it may be stated that the stocks of rice and paddy and other foodgrains were supplied to this State from various sources such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Andhra, Coorg and Overseas during the different periods. The prices of the

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 328-329 infra.